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FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 1898.

GEN. M. C. BUTLER AND THE
THIRD REGIMENT.We fully share the indignation of all
right-minded people on the hasty and
inconsiderate treatment of the Third Vir-
ginia Regiment at Camp Alger by General
M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, but
we have no wish to fan the flame.We rather prefer to recall a glorious
past and to remind General Butler of the
noble tribute which a South Carolinian
once paid Virginians, when the gallant
Bee, almost with his dying breath, in order
to rally his Carolina troops on the
field of first Manassas, pointed them to
Virginians and said: "See how Jackson
is standing like a stonewall."We had rather believe that the great
change we now observe has come over
one South Carolinian than over a regiment
of Virginians.We think too that upon reflection General
Butler will agree that something
was due to the ancient ties which have
united Carolina to Virginia.

COL. ROOSEVELT AND HIS CRITICS.

The arrival of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt
in the United States is very likely to
occasion some interesting enquiries and
be the cause of some startling developments.
That there could have been
so much mismanagement at Santiago
without criminal responsibility some
where, seems impossible. The impression
is growing in all quarters that the
jobbery of political favorites who have been
given fat contracts is at the bottom of
the whole business, and if anything can
occur to demonstrate this, if it is a fact,
the American people will welcome the
incident.Colonel Roosevelt had long ago demonstrated
that he had none of what we call
"moral cowardice," and he showed in
Cuba that he had as heroic courage in
facing the enemy as any man that ever
wore our national uniform. He is not a
man therefore, to submit tamely to an
unjust censure, and the Secretary of War
ought to let the people into
an inside view of it.Colonel Roosevelt did his country grand
service in Cuba, but that was service
which any man of heroic temperament
could do. The service he can do in
this instance, if the culprit is involved, is
one peculiar to Roosevelt, and that the
most heroic man without his standing before
the American people would be powerless
to render.It is of no much consequence what
form Colonel Roosevelt gives to such
proceedings as he may contemplate, but
we most earnestly hope he will force an
issue.

A GLUT OF MONEY.

No matter how much money there is
in the country those who are wedded to
free silver will contend that there can
be no prosperity and that the supply of
money must be short until the mints of
the country are opened to the free coinage
of silver. Bradstreet's has given
some most interesting figures in this
connection which ought to serve to open
the eyes of those who are ignorantly or willingly
deceived.On August 1st there was a gain in the
circulation of gold coins from the corresponding
period last year of more than
\$15,000,000; of standard silver dollars,
\$6,000,000; of subsidiary silver coin, over
\$4,000,000; of silver certificates over \$3,000,000;
of treasury notes, \$1,200,000, and of
United States notes nearly \$25,000,000. The
total amount of money of all kinds in circulation
on August 1st was \$1,829,198,314, an
increase, after making all deductions,
of \$12,500,000 for the past twelve months.
The reference per capita, estimated on
the basis of 74,000,000 inhabitants, is \$24.33,
an increase of \$1.79 for the past year.
This does not mean the total amount of
money in the United States, including
the amount in the treasury, but the total
amount in circulation. To get the cir-culation on August 1st, the Department
took the total amount of coin and notes,
\$2,422,344,602 and subtracted therefrom all
the money in the treasury, amounting to
\$63,146,238, leaving the amount in actual
circulation, as we have above stated,
\$1,809,198,314.It will be seen from this that there is
an abundance of money in circulation.
The only difficulty is, as The Times has
so often pointed out, that it does not
circulate in the remote country districts.
We can hope to accomplish that only by
establishing State banks of issue, to
which the free silver people are so violently
opposed.

THE LATEST LYNNING.

The lynchers have been holding high
carnival in the State of Arkansas, and
this time not only men, but women, have
fallen victims to the fury of the mob.
Nor were they executed for "the usual
crime," but five persons, three men and
two women, without any process of law,
were taken by the mob and summarily
deprived of their life, upon the charge
of murder, either as principals or ac-
cessories.What can be said in justification of
such an outrage? What possible good
has been accomplished? Will any reasonable
man contend that the peace and
order of Arkansas have been promoted
by this lawless act of vengeance? What
can they say who hold that lynching is
justifiable in some cases, but not in
others? Facts are very stubborn things,
and we must deal with them as they are.
Once admit that lynching is justifiable
under any circumstances, and in whatever
community that sentiment prevails
there will be Lynchings for other crimes
whenever the mob feels so inclined.
There have been numerous Lynchings for
ordinary robberies.Those who advocate lynching lose sight
of this great principle: The law is not
executed in a spirit of revenge. Its great
purpose is to deter evil-doers, not so
much by the fear of punishment as by
elevating the moral standard, by creating
a healthy sentiment in behalf of law
and order. The law of man, like the
law of God, is designed to indicate the
lesson of obedience and to make men
obey as a duty through respect for the
law rather than through the fear of it.
We shall fall far short of the sublimity
and majesty of the law, both divine and
human, if we overlook that fact.But is it possible that lynching can
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incident, which we commend to the serious
consideration of those who say
that every criminal assailant should be
outlawed and shot down on sight. Two
of Virginia's soldiers in Florida have
been arrested charged with having com-
mitted a nameless assault upon a negro
girl. Is any white man in Virginia ready
to stand up and say that these two men
should be lynched, or without having a
trial that they should be shot down by
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